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LOOK TO THE HEAVENS

Ottawa photographer David Johnson captures the northern lights Tuesday night in rural south Ottawa after a solar flare pushed the naturally occurring phenomenon south. It's a rare occurrence, and the lights likely won't be visible for long, but Ottawa's Royal Astronomical Society of Canada says there's lots more to photograph in the night sky around the city — if you know how. Story, page 4. DAVID JOHNSON/FOR METRO

Nursing cuts 'devastating': Union

Health. But Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario insists elimination of more than 50 jobs will not impact wait times or access to services

Parents with sick kids are likely going to endure "more death and disease" when the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) cuts more than 50 registered-nurse jobs this summer, said the head of the Ontario Nurses' Association.

President Linda Haslam-Stroud told Metro on Wednesday that

the CHEO cuts will be "devastating" to sick kids in Ottawa and research suggests that fewer nurses translates into more illness.

"If you reduce the number of RNs, there is more death and disease," said Haslam-Stroud, adding that the 50-plus cuts will directly result in a loss of 90,000 care hours.

"You increase the number of patients that go into shock, that go into cardiac arrest, that get blood clots, that get pneumonia. When you start looking at the real evidence, these are the things that are going to start to happen."

But a CHEO spokeswoman said the cuts will be done responsibly, with most coming through attrition and voluntary retirement.

"This is not going to mean closing clinics. There will be no closing of beds," said Eva Schacher. "There will be no increase in wait time or a reduction of access to services for families and patients."

CHEO announced last week that it would be cutting three per cent of its 1,750-member workforce across all of its departments to make up for a \$6.7-million shortfall in its \$243-million annual budget, a funding gap that administrators said was brought on by funding "pressures" from the province.

The neonatal intensive-care unit, the pediatric intensive-care unit, ambulatory care and in-patient surgical and medical units

will be hit hardest by the cuts.

Haslam-Stroud said she has been pulling out her hair as more and more registered nurses lose their jobs. More than 300 positions have been cut across Ontario since January.

She said she's not surprised that Ontario has the second-worst registered-nurse-to-resident ratio in Canada.

"The cuts are massive," she added.

The Ontario Nurses' Association is urging parents to put pressure on local MPPs to protest the cuts and said the association is moving hard on its More Nurses, Better Care campaign.

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Parents of handcuffed boy mull next steps

Autism. Mother of nine-year-old says event at school has had 'lasting impact'

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The family of a nine-year-old boy with autism who was handcuffed at school wants "full disclosure" of the records of their son's care.

Stephanie Huck and her husband have kept their son Daniel Ten Oever home since police handcuffed him last month to restrain him for acting out in the principal's office.

The family says it will not send the boy back to class until it sees all the facts — including the plans for his future care and staff training.

"He is autistic, so being out of his routine has caused great stress for him," Stephanie Huck told reporters on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. "The traumatic event of being handcuffed has also had a lasting impact on him and on his family."



Stephanie Huck, right, whose nine-year-old autistic boy Daniel was handcuffed at school, leaves Parliament Hill with the boy's grandfather Chris Huck on Wednesday. Also pictured is Jessica Butler, the mother of an 11-year-old autistic boy who was also handcuffed. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Roch Longuepée, CEO of Restoring Dignity, the organization representing the family, said they have not ruled out a lawsuit against the Ottawa Catholic School Board. But that will depend on what's revealed in the records. They are starting a fund to raise money for the family's legal fees.

The family has also spoken with police about the incident but will not press charges.

"We don't see that they were necessarily at fault here, and I think it's deflecting blame and not really addressing the real issue," Longuepée said.

Restoring Dignity is calling on families of special-needs

children who have had similar experiences with school boards in Ontario to come forward.

In an emailed statement, Mary Donaghy, superintendent of student services and special education with the Ottawa Catholic School Board, said school staff are trained by the Crisis Prevention Institute to

deal with students acting out physically.

She would not comment on Daniel's case except to say "staff acted appropriately to ensure the safety of everyone involved."

"We look forward to the student's return to school," the email reads.

Former hotel to begin housing students

The University of Ottawa has announced that the former Quality Hotel at Rideau Street and King Edward Avenue will be converted into a student residence opening this fall.

While room service isn't part of the deal, incoming

first-year students who are placed in the building will have air conditioning, double beds, full ensuite bathrooms and flat-screen TVs in every room.

"Living in residence is one of the key elements in the rewarding experience we want

to offer our students," said Marc Joyal, vice-president of resources, in a press release.

"That's why we're investing the money and effort needed to increase the number of places so more students can live in residence."

The university will in-

dependently manage the 414-bed residence and said it has signed a long-term lease with the building's new owner.

In 2014, the university converted a former senior's home into a 391-bed building on Friel Street. Another new 170-bed residence located on

Henderson Avenue is slated to open this September.

The new buildings are expected to ease the concerns of some residents in Sandy Hill who oppose the high number of students in the neighbourhood.

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Aurora borealis graces Ottawa sky

The aurora borealis, commonly known as the northern lights, made an appearance over Ottawa the last two nights after a disturbance in the Earth's geomagnetic field.

It took a few days for the results of a strong solar eruption that occurred on Sunday to reach Earth, but when it did, researchers say it disturbed the particles in the Earth's geomagnetic field, and pushed the shimmering belts of otherworldly hues south, crossing over areas like Ottawa and New York.

Dramatic footage emerged online Wednesday of beautiful lights in the sky filmed during a severe solar storm that hit Earth on Tuesday.

"This disturbance from the sun, which also has some inherited pieces of magnetic field from the sun, it propagates through interplanetary space and then it hits the Earth's magnetic field," said Larisa Trichtchenko, a Space Weather Canada forecaster.

These disruptive particles hit Earth at about 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, according to Emma Spanswick, associate director of the Auroral Imaging Group at the University of Calgary.

But when the solar eruptions strike (in this case also known as mass coronal ejections), "it's like a very, very strong wind, a very dense wind" that strikes the wind-sock — or, the Earth's geomagnetic field — and sends the usually Yellowknife-hovering northern lights further south.

"To my knowledge, this is the most severe storm we've seen in this solar cycle," Spanswick said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Ottawa photographer David Johnson managed this rare capture of the Northern Lights Tuesday night in rural south Ottawa. DAVID JOHNSON/FOR METRO

Northern lights in city a 'humbling experience'

Nature. Powerful solar flares brought a rare light show over Ottawa's skies as photographers rushed to capture the moment

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Ottawa has a lot of natural beauty, but it's pretty rare that we get to see the kind of light show that we had Tuesday night, courtesy of some powerful solar flares.

The dancing green lights had Ottawa photographers like David Johnson grabbing

their best low-light lenses and finding dark spots out of the city.

"It's not very often I get to take night shots in Ottawa, the light pollution is a little too much," said Johnson, who managed to take two stunning photos of the Northern Lights near Russell Township in rural south Ottawa.

The last time he'd seen the lights in the city was a faint green line near the airport — and that was seven years ago.

"It's a bit of a humbling experience. These things are dancing in front of you. There were several times last night when I was focused on the camera and then I looked

up at the sky and I couldn't force myself to take a picture," he said.

The northern lights are rare in the city because they mostly occur near the planet's magnetic poles. Even on a clear night, light pollution inside the city can make star and other night photography difficult.

The northern lights probably won't be visible after March 18, but there are other reasons to look up at night. Constellations and planets like Jupiter and Venus are still visible. Comets and lunar eclipses are also common.

Gary Boyle, a past president of the Ottawa chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada,

recommends getting even 20 minutes out of the city in Gatineau Park or eastern Ottawa for a better view. The viewing times in the summer are usually between 10:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

While the society has an observatory in Almonte, they regularly organize "star parties" closer to the city, posted on their website.

"The sky is a wonderful classroom," said Boyle, adding that members of the group are happy to teach with their telescopes. "We show objects in the night-time sky, explain what they are, how far they are and answer your questions. Astronomy is Mother Nature's greatest show."

Tips

Photographer David Johnson offers tips to amateurs looking to capture the night sky.

- Tripods are key. You can even get small ones to use with cellphones.
- Get as far from the city as you can. Even just 15-20 minutes out is better.
- In cool weather, bundle up with gloves and a toque.
- Don't use flash. Instead, set the camera to a long exposure.

Using a cellphone camera?

- Cellphone cameras are small but mighty. Their big weakness for night photos is that most can't be set to long exposure. Use third-party apps like NightCap and PhotoPills (iPhone) or Long Exposure Camera 2 and Night Camera (Android) to get better results.



Using a point-and-shoot?

- Use the "firework" or the "long exposure" setting. If you can set a custom exposure, make it as long as possible (15-30 seconds). Experiment to find a good brightness.



Using a DSLR?

- Get to know the manual mode and set the exposure to 15 seconds to start. If it's too dark, jump to 20, 25 or 30 seconds until you find a brightness you like.





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Tow-truck drivers accuse police of playing favourites

Tension. Some drivers say police unfairly pick who tows the vehicle at site of collision



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Some Ottawa tow-truck drivers are accusing city police of playing favourites at car-crash scenes, but police say that goes against the chief's orders.

Some tow-truck drivers "chase" collisions, which can result in several trucks vying for the job. Those who don't get the tow risk facing a \$175 city fine for offering their services or even parking within 100 metres of the collision.

Some drivers say police unfairly pick who tows the vehicle, when it should be left up to the discretion of the driver. Furthermore, some officers on the scene favour the two companies that have police contracts — Ottawa Metro Towing & Recovery and Gervais Towing & Recovery.

"Unless it's a criminal matter, the owner of the vehicle is free to choose whoever he wants to use," said Edwin Weber, a driver with Sharkey's Towing and Road Service who's facing a fine for alleged-



Edwin Weber, a driver with Sharkey's Towing and Road Service, holds up his \$175 fine for showing up at the scene of an accident. He says collisions are a "free for all" for tow-truck drivers who race to the scene because the lucky ones get the job and the others often face fines. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

ly offering his towing services at a car-crash site. "That part always gets left out by the cops, and they will call over a Metro truck and tell them to hook up."

Tow-truck companies under police contracts tend to accidents involving an impaired driver or stunt racing. Other accidents involving two

or more cars are up to the discretion of the drivers. If they are too injured to call a tow, then police will call instead.

Eva Sharkey, Weber's boss and the owner of Sharkey's, said a central dispatching service would help solve the problem.

"It's just like the OPP," Sharkey said. "They'll get on

the scanner and yell, 'Any tow trucks that are there, you're going to get a ticket,' but the next time when it's a real bad crash, five or six cars, (they say) 'Come on tow trucks, get here.'"

She said her company is linked up to DTS Dispatching, which is based in the U.S. but has so far not received any

calls to accidents north of the border. Ottawa police say they are not contracted with this service.

Another owner of a tow-truck company, who did not want to be named, also said police favour the companies with the towing contracts.

He said he does not think a central dispatch service

is the right answer. Rather, he thinks tow-truck drivers should be allowed to chase accidents if they have the right permits.

Sgt. John Kiss, who manages the police towing contracts, said officers are not allowed to recommend or broker tows to anyone who is able to call trucks themselves. That's according to the chief's orders, which have been in place since 2012.

"If a towing company comes to us and complains that an officer was clearly favouring another towing company over them, then we would tell them to file a complaint about the police officer's conduct. But they're not coming to us," Kiss said.

He also said a central dispatching service is not the answer.

"It's not a free-for-all — it's a free market," he said. "It's like saying there should be a central dispatching service because your car won't start in the morning. No, we have a phone book for that. You can call the CAA. You can call your own mechanic. You can call your father to come give you a boost."

Kiss said the tow-truck contracts last three years, with the possibility of a two-year renewal. That renewal process will happen next month.



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Fury Fan Fest for futbol fanatics

Ottawa soccer fans will have a chance to meet the new Fury FC squad during the team's Fan Fest this Saturday at TD Place.

Fans will be introduced to FC Players and coaches for the upcoming season and will be able to mix and mingle with their heroes on the pitch.

The Ottawa Fury FC soccer club will also make a "major announcement" during the Fan Fest that will impact the youth soccer community in Ottawa and Gatineau.

The team is announcing a new partnership initiative with Ottawa/Gatineau Soccer associations at 1 p.m. at TD Place. **METRO**

'These guys only dream of this'

Hockey. 73 teams of players with developmental disabilities in Ottawa for SHI tourney

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More than 1,200 young athletes living with developmental disabilities will get to play in an international hockey tournament starting Thursday in Ottawa.

In all, 73 teams of players with developmental disabilities from across Canada, the U.S. and as far away as England are here for the annual Special Hockey International (SHI) Tournament.

It switches host cities every year. Each team will play four games between Thursday and Sunday. Players will get equal ice time and nobody will be keeping score. This is to make sure the games are fun for all.

"We didn't understand when we went to our first

tournament the value it would bring to the kids," said Jim Perkins, president of SHI and the Capital City Condors, this year's host team.

"A lot of them grew up watching their siblings play in tournaments. They were the biggest cheerleaders in the stands but they never had one of their own to go to."

SHI accommodates the disabilities of its players. Instead of organizing players by age they are put on teams appropriate for their personal needs and skill level.

There is no hitting of any kind, the rules are a little simplified and coaches are allowed to skate on the ice during games to give players a hand if they need it.

"Now the kids can say 'my tournament' and their siblings are the ones who come along to watch," Perkins said.

The opening ceremonies took place Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire Centre and Senators forward Kyle Turris was there to say some words.

According to Perkins, Turris has always been a strong supporter of the Condors and



The SPICE Jets, a hockey team from England made up of players with developmental disabilities, are visiting Ottawa to play in the Special Hockey International Tournament. **NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO**

he knows every player by name.

"He's our honorary captain," said Perkins. "The love he has for the team makes them feel like gold."

The SPICE Jets hockey team travelled all the way from Slough, U.K., for the tournament and the players are thrilled to finally be around

people that love hockey as much as they do.

"To come to Ottawa, the home of hockey, our kids were so excited and counting down the days," said Ricci Hodgson, the club chair of the team.

The team raised more than \$50,000 for the trip so the only thing players' parents had to pay for were the flights. They

visited Pro Hockey Life in Kanata before heading to the opening ceremonies and will go to the Sens game against Boston tonight.

"In England you hear about the greatness of NHL teams like the Senators but you never really get to see it," said Hodgson. "These guys only dream of this."

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Liam McIntyre

Spartacus star coming to Comiccon

Spartacus fans, rejoice. Australian actor Liam McIntyre is confirmed to attend Ottawa Comiccon during the May 8-10 weekend. The 33-year-old star is also known for his roles in the TV series Flash and Legend of Hercules. McIntyre is scheduled to sign autographs and pose for fan photos at the three-day convention in Ottawa.

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Liam McIntyre CONTRIBUTED



The cast of The Kids in the Hall in 2014. CONTRIBUTED

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To anyone who crushes people's heads or knows all the words to "Daves I Know": Canada's favourite comedy troupe of the 1990s is com-

ing to Ottawa May 24.

The Kids in the Hall — Bruce McCulloch, Dave Foley, Scott Thompson, Kevin McDonald and Mark McKinney — will grace the stage of the National Arts Centre.

Tickets go on sale Friday at noon.

Man who lost voice never lost hope

Determination. Garry Brownrigg finally regained speech and his new company Quicksilk helps people build websites easily

Seeing the funny side

"Justin Timberlake is safe. He can't build websites, and I can't sing."

Joked Garry Brownrigg

companies like the University of Ottawa and the World Bank.

It may never have happened if he hadn't first lost his voice. Brownrigg was diagnosed with laryngeal dystonia in the mid-1980s. The rare condition left him unable to speak for years, forcing him to leave his high-profile banking career.

While some would fold the cards and give up on life, Brownrigg start a new path. He spent hours on the Internet teaching himself programming for website development and was soon pumping out blog and photo sites. By this time, speaking was nearly impossible.

"Within three months my voice faded off to nothing more than a whisper," said Brownrigg.

He had a new business, but wouldn't give up on his speech. Ten speech therapists later, coupled with relaxation and meditation techniques, Brownrigg is one of the loud guys in the room. But he still can't sing. "Justin Timberlake is safe," joked Brownrigg. "He can't build websites, and I can't sing."

QuickSilk is a simple drag-and-drop website builder for anyone looking to build a simple blog site, or a complex e-commerce site. He says everyday people can build their website without having to be a programmer or spending heavily. Users can have slick websites for as low as \$25 per month.

"Sites like WordPress and others are very technical and geared toward a web-developing audience," said Brownrigg. "They are not client-friendly."

Brownrigg has also launched an Indiegogo campaign to expand his template list to offer even more designs.

And if you manage to get a sit-down with Brownrigg, he'll talk your ear off.



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When doctors told him he would never speak again, Garry Brownrigg refused to start learning sign language.

He wasn't ready to accept the fact that he would no longer be able to verbally communicate with his wife and their new baby.

"I decided I wouldn't accept not being able to speak again without a fight," said Brownrigg.

Not only has he regained his speech, but launched a successful company building websites called QuickSilk, working with

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Tips sought in slaying

Crime. Yusuf Ibrahim was killed in daylight shooting on Feb. 6



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The major crime unit of Ottawa police released photos of three persons of interest in last month's homicide of Yusuf Ibrahim.

Ibrahim, 27, was gunned down in a brazen daylight shooting at 181 Forestglade Cres. on Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police had previously confirmed he was a known gang

member and was known to police in relation to his involvement in gang activity.

Nearly six weeks after his murder, police have turned to surveillance footage in the search for clues.

Video footage posted to YouTube Wednesday by Ottawa police shows a black Dodge Charger speeding eastbound through the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Hawthorne Avenue toward the 417. Witnesses who may have been in the area on the morning of Feb. 6 are asked to call police.

Investigators have also got their hands on surveillance footage of three men in a taxi that, according to police, travelled to and from 181 Forest-

glade Cres. in the early morning hours on the day of the shooting.

The shooting shocked neighbours in the quiet neighbourhood in Gloucester-Southgate ward and prompted a crime scene visit by police Chief Charles Bordeleau. He was said to be there for moral support and to speak with residents who lived nearby.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call the Ottawa police major crime unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493. Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or by downloading the Ottawa Police iOS app.

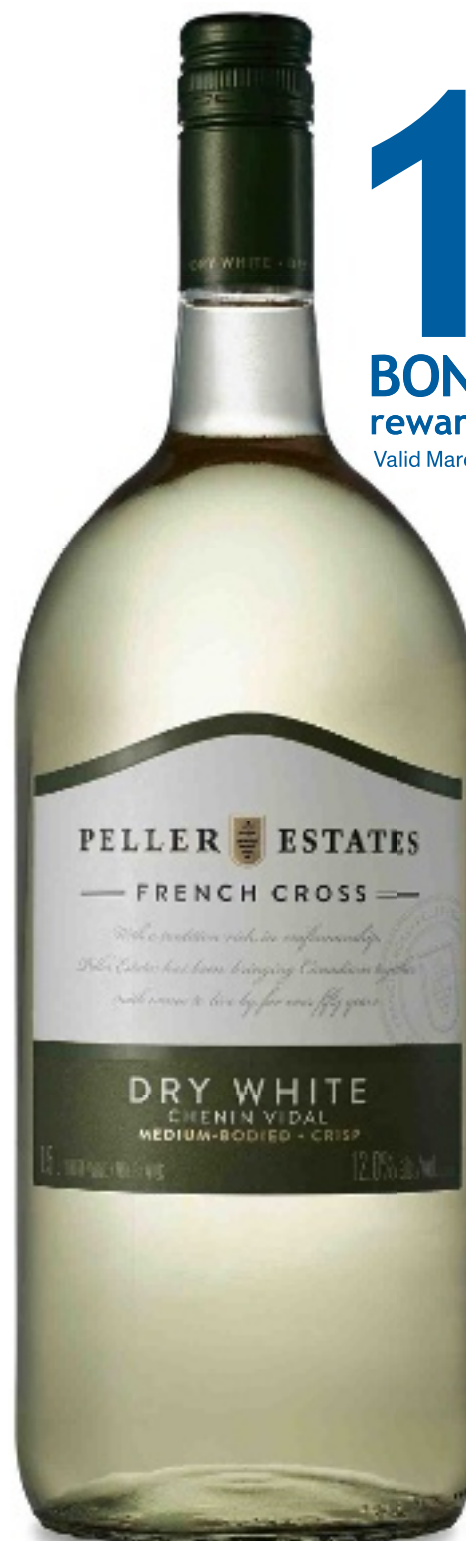
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Ottawa man survives Pam's pain

Powerful cyclone.
Villages in Vanuatu
wiped out, but island
residents stand strong



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As Cyclone Pam ripped through Vanuatu last Friday, Dan McGarry hid inside a friend's house in Port Vila that had been fortified with "state-of-the-art" cyclone shutters on roller mechanisms.

"We had 11 of those surrounding the house. We now have three," the Ottawa transplant said on Wednesday. "Eight of them were blown away by this wind."

McGarry, 51, survived the storm that brought 270 km/h winds, levelled villages and uprooted mature trees throughout the South Pacific island nation.

"There's this tearing noise that comes along, and



An unidentified child puts on gloves to help with the cleanup.

it feels like you're watching huge objects tossed about like child's play," he said.

Foreign Affairs said they are aware of 29 Canadians who might have been affected by the cyclone. The death toll stands at 11, and the cyclone has displaced 3,300 people in the archipelago.

McGarry left his IT job at an Ottawa startup in 2003 to

live in Vanuatu to do volunteer work. He now works at the Pacific Institute of Public Policy, a non-profit think-tank serving the Pacific island community.

Before catching a 4 a.m. flight to assess the damage on the island of Tongoa, he told Metro the people of Vanuatu are surprisingly responding with optimism, an attribute he associates with island living.

On Sunday, he passed through the village of Mele, which had been washed away. He met a husband and wife standing ankle-deep in mud in what used to be the doorway of their house.

"I asked if it was all right if we took a bit of footage, and he was saying, 'Hi! Hi! Welcome! Welcome! Great to see you!'" recalled McGarry.

"He's asking how I am when he's standing there; he's lost everything. He literally has what he can scrape off the ground and he's still playing the host."

Poor weather and communication issues have



A husband and wife stand in what used to be their house in the village of Mele, Vanuatu. Dan McGarry, a former Ottawa resident who has been living in Vanuatu since 2003, says the couple are an example of the strong spirit of the island people. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY DAN MCGARRY

hampered relief workers' efforts to reach the outer islands for days.

"Daylight is gold," said McGarry, who only gained power at home Tuesday

night. "We're hoping for the best."

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The winds from Cyclone Pam were so strong they uprooted a large tree near this woman's house. The woman told Dan McGarry the uprooted tree actually saved her house because it provided a wind barrier during the storm. "It kept them alive," McGarry said.

NEWDRONEWORLD

Metro looks at how drone technology is changing the skies in Canada

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A police officer flies the Aeryon Scout in Halton, Ont. Halton police bought a drone in 2009, and since then, it has been used in about 50 missions. Inset: A drone's-eye view of the scene of an accident reconstruction. COURTESY AERYON LABS

'We don't just fly over homes at random'

Law enforcement.

Worried about police using drones in Canada? Departments that use them say it's nothing to fret about



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Halton Regional Police in Ontario have used their drone to search for missing persons, probe collisions and investigate an armed robbery and homicide. In 2012, the Aeryon Scout, as their drone is named, helped officers find about \$744,000 worth of marijuana that was growing on a farm.

Halton police first purchased a drone (or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, as they are known in the industry) to use in their investigations in 2009, when it was still a relatively new technology in law enforcement. Since then, it has been used in 50 police missions, according to now-retired operation manager Det. Dave Banks.

"We don't just fly over homes at random," says Const. Andy Olesen. "Well, we can, and we don't."

Today, with many police forces in major cities in Canada using drones and the RCMP adding them to their arsenal of search-and-rescue tools, concerns have been growing over privacy and surveillance. Police

Coast-to-coast roundup:

A look at some of the police departments using drones or considering them:

- **Toronto.** The Toronto Police Service does not deploy drones but has had demonstrations from a manufacturer.
- **Ottawa.** Although Ottawa police are not deploying drones right now, their Collisions Section is interested in their use for aerial surveys of large collisions or investigative scenes as well as for use in missing-

persons searches.

- **Edmonton.** The Edmonton Police Service deploys a drone to take aerial photographs of accident scenes.
- **Vancouver.** The Vancouver Police Department does not use drones but is considering doing so in the future.
- **RCMP.** Various detachments nationwide have deployed drones for search-and-rescue missions as well as aerial photography of crash scenes.

are trying to calm the public's nerves.

Olesen says Halton police are very cautious about the use of its drone, given those concerns.

"We're very conscious of ... what people's perception of it is, that it's a surveillance tool," he explains. "We don't want to make that any worse than it is."

Halton's Aeryon Scout is a black and white quadcopter remotely controlled with a tablet laptop using Google maps. It is relatively small and comes equipped with video and photo capabilities.

Olesen says Transport Canada regulations constrain where and how they can fly their UAV, and the drone itself offers physical limitations.

It can be flown only in good weather, and its battery life leaves much to be desired, averaging about 15 to 20 minutes per charge.

"On the list of things we use it for, surveillance isn't even on our list, just because it's not practical," Olesen says.

"Down the road, (surveillance) might be possible," he says. "I think that'll happen."

Who patrols the patrollers?

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has raised various concerns regarding drone use in law enforcement. Highlighted in a March 2013 report, the privacy watchdog has noted that "certain attributes can make (drones) a relatively covert form

of surveillance."

Tobi Cohen, spokeswoman for the agency, tells Metro that current regulations do not address the sometimes wide gap that results from "issues related to purpose and the privacy implications of (drone) use."

"Current regulations governing drone operations have more to do with ensuring their safe flight and do little to address the privacy implications of having Canadian skies filled with hovering data-collecting robots," Cohen says.

When it comes to drones, people don't always know who is watching or what data they're collecting. This "can contribute to a lack of awareness and effective complaint mechanisms," Cohen says.

To that end, Cohen says, the OPC advises law enforcement to comply with their video-surveillance guidelines.

Among their recommendations, the OPC says law enforcement should use video surveillance in a way that minimizes invasion of privacy, hold public consultations and assess privacy impacts beforehand.

Drones beyond the law:

Halifax lawyer David Fraser says the public shouldn't be worried as long as the proper regulatory framework is put in place.

It's a historical fact, Fraser says, that new technology will expand the collection of personal information, which can sometimes lead to what he calls a "techno-panic." He says

Canadian Armed Forces

Canada has yet to use killer drones

While the United States continues to make headlines for their use of armed drones, Canada currently does not have them nor use them, according to a Department of National Defence spokesman. But that might change.

"We neither operate nor lease armed UAVs," says Daniel Blouin, but he adds armed drones "are being examined for future international operations."

"UAVs have unparalleled operating range and endurance," Blouin says. "If the pilot gets tired, you don't have to return to base and

land; you can just swap a new one into the seat."

Blouin says the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have used unarmed drones in overseas operations since 2003, stressing that the CAF uses drones only in what is called an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capacity.

He adds the current model is limited in that it can't carry heavy loads, transport personnel or conduct air-to-air combat. Only one model is in active use by the CAF: the Scan Eagle.

Blouin says it is used by the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Navy frigates on international operations, most recently by HMCS Regina in an ISR capacity.

privacy laws should be updated to reflect new behaviours that society finds unacceptable.

"You criminalize the behaviour and not the technology. Because it's really about the behaviour."

Fraser adds that drones do create a change in what's possible in terms of encroachment on privacy. For example, when living in a tall building, there is a higher expectation of privacy on higher floors. With drones, those heights will now be accessible to view.

"The question then becomes: does the introduction of drones change our expectations of privacy? Or should it?"

When drones are more intrusive on individual privacy, such as collecting information about individuals, "that's when it's worth having a good discussion about what our reasonable expectations are," Fraser says.

"That discussion should always be much more than, 'Oh, well, that's creepy,' because a discussion about what's creepy doesn't help."

Feds assess modern protests with national 'risk forecast'

Security. Meetings driven by feds' desire to plan for protests over environmental development projects

Use of social media, the spread of "citizen journalism" and the involvement of young people are among the key trends highlighted by a federal analysis of protest activity in Canada over the last half-decade.

A growing geographic reach and an apparent increase in protests that target infrastructure such as rail lines are also boosting the impact of demonstrations, says the Government Operations Centre analysis, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service included the spring 2014 risk forecast

in materials prepared for two meetings of the deputy ministers' committee on resources and energy last April.

The meetings were driven by the federal government's desire to plan for protests that might happen in response to resource-development decisions on projects such as the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The newly released documents heighten fears about government anti-terrorism legislation that would allow much easier sharing of federally held information about people, said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

"To us, this just looks like the example of exactly why we ought to be concerned about these provisions."

It found demonstrations generally fell into four primary issue categories: social, political, environmental and



A woman protests on a national day of action against Bill C-51, the government's proposed anti-terrorism legislation, in Montreal on Saturday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations.

The "notoriety and success" of civil-society efforts such as the Arab Spring,

the aboriginal Idle No More movement, the Occupy protests and anti-pipeline demonstrations have inspired

Canadian citizens to start grassroots initiatives and make their voices heard, the study notes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Trial. Jury reaches single verdict in Via terror case

A Toronto jury came to a unanimous decision Wednesday on the fate of one of two men accused in an alleged terror plot to derail a passenger train, but found themselves at an impasse on some of the charges against his co-accused.

The 12-member panel, which has been deliberating for eight days in the trial of Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier, did not reveal which of the two men they were disagreeing on, nor did they hint at which of the nine terror-related charges was causing their deadlock.

Jaser and Esseghaier were arrested in 2013 following an extensive investigation into

the alleged plot to kill scores of people by derailing a train travelling between Canada and the U.S.

Both men are charged with two counts of conspiracy and two counts of participating in or contributing to a terrorist group. Esseghaier is also facing a fifth terror-related charge.

Justice Michael Code, who has been presiding over the trial, asked jurors to continue their deliberations and attempt to reach a unanimous decision on all charges in the case.

"Would you please try once again to reach a verdict?" Code asked the jury.

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In an artist's sketch, Chiheb Esseghaier (left) and Raed Jaser (centre) appear in court in Toronto on Thursday, March 5 as Justice Michael Code looks on. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ALEXANDRA NEWBOULD**



Winter not done with Maritimes just yet

Melissa Nurse snowshoes over her car to look for a spot to let the dogs out in Upper Tantallon, N.S., on Wednesday. One of the heaviest snowfalls of the winter landed right on Halifax, as most of the city became a ghost town of white, windy streets. **JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX**

Winnipeg

Heroics on first date

A 21-year-old passing motorist pulled an unconscious driver from his burning vehicle after it crashed into a first-floor condo in Winnipeg.

Tristan Gareau was driving his date home around 11:45 p.m. when they saw the car's smoke and flames.

"By the time I could tell there was a gentleman in there, the tires had blown up, and that's when the car actually started to go up in flames," said Gareau, who works as a part-time DJ and youth soccer referee. "I couldn't let him stay in there."

Police have said Gareau helped save the 65-year-old man's life.

METRO IN WINNIPEG

Politics

PM shoots down critics of his gun comments

Suggestions that Canada is on the road to an American-style system of gun ownership or that the Conservative government condones vigilante justice are absurd, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday.

"Gun owners in Canada are not allowed to take the law into their own hands. Nobody here is suggesting they should be able to do that," he said.

Harper denounced his critics as confused rabble rousers who don't like gun owners.

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Israeli election

Harper applauds Netanyahu's win

Canada is taking a wait-and-see attitude on the foreign-policy implications of the Israeli election, although Stephen Harper has tweeted his own congratulations to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's right-wing Likud Party won re-election in Israel's national ballot, although it will take some horse-trading to form a government with partners.

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Gunmen kill 20, injure 50

Tunisia. Museum shooting the worst act of violence on a tourist site since 2002

Gunmen opened fire Wednesday at a major museum in Tunisia's capital, killing at least 20 people in one of the worst attacks in this struggling North

African democracy that depends heavily on tourism.

Men with assault rifles fired at tourists climbing from buses in front of the National Bardo Museum in Tunis near parliament, sending dozens sprinting for safety. Two gunmen were killed, but Prime Minister Habib Essid said a manhunt was on for two or three others.

The identity of the attackers wasn't clear. Twitter accounts

associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) were described as overjoyed at the attack, urging Tunisians to "follow their brothers," according to Rita Katz of SITE, a U.S.-based organization that monitors militant groups.

About 50 people were wounded in the attack, which began after noon local time, Tunisian state television said.

According to Essid, the dead

include two gunmen, a Tunisian security officer and a Tunisian cleaning woman, while the rest were tourists from Europe.

The attack was the worst on a Tunisian tourist site since an al-Qaida car bomb killed 21 people in 2002.

"We will be merciless in the defence of our country," he said, describing the attack as an assault on Tunisia's economy.

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First responders rescue a victim after gunmen opened fire at the Bardo museum in Tunisia's capital Wednesday. Authorities say scores of people are dead after the attack on one of the country's major museums, while some of the gunmen may have escaped. ALI BEN SALAH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel. Netanyahu win leaves allies, foes on edge

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's strong showing in national elections this week has come with a price: he has managed to antagonize friends and foes alike with hard-line rhetoric on the campaign trail.

While the tough talk gave Netanyahu a last-minute boost in the polls, the Israeli leader could now face a difficult task convincing an already skeptical world that he is serious about reaching peace with his Arab neighbours — particularly if, as expected, he forms a new government comprised of religious and nationalistic parties.

Trailing in opinion polls, Netanyahu took a sharp turn to the right in the final days of the campaign to shore up support among his core constituency.

He vowed to increase settlement construction in east Jerusalem, the Palestinians' would-be capital, and rejected the idea of a Palestinian state in current conditions — putting him at odds with U.S. and European positions and reversing his own policy of the past six years.

In a last-ditch attempt to spur his supporters to the polls Tuesday, he warned that Arab citizens were voting "in droves" and endangering years of rule by his Likud Party. The comments drew accusations of racism from Israeli Arabs and a White House rebuke.



Benjamin Netanyahu
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In Washington, the Obama administration said Wednesday that it was "deeply concerned" by the divisive language used by the Likud.

Netanyahu's controversial stance appears to have paid off at home. Thought to be in danger of being voted out of office just a few days ago, the Likud emerged as the largest party in parliament when near-final results trickled in Wednesday, leaving it in position to lead the next coalition government.

The Likud led the election by capturing 30 seats in the 120-member parliament, according to near-final results released Wednesday.

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Serbia

Police arrest eight over alleged role in 1995 massacre

Serbian police arrested eight men for alleged roles in killing more than 1,000 Bosnian Muslims in the 1995 Srebrenica Massacre. Chief Serbian war crimes prosecutor Vladimir Vukcevic said the accused "are former members of a special brigade of the Bosnian Serb police." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nevada

Senator sponsors pot bill for animals

Pets might soon be able to use marijuana under a bill introduced Tuesday in the Nevada legislature.

Sen. Tick Segerblom is sponsoring the measure that would allow animal owners to get marijuana for their pet if a veterinarian certifies the animal has an illness that might be alleviated by the drug.

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Low-carbon economy in sight: Report

Climate change.

Experts from all 10 provinces say weaning Canada off fossil fuels is within reach

Dozens of Canada's top scholars are urging a sweeping remake of how the country produces and uses its energy in a necessary effort to wean itself off fossil fuels.

A report by 59 scientists, economists, engineers, sociologists, architects and philosophers from all 10 provinces was released Wednesday ahead of December's climate meeting in Paris.

The report suggests emissions should be cut by up to 28 per cent over 2005 levels by 2025 and by 80 per cent by 2050. By 2035, Canada's entire electricity grid should

be completely low-carbon. The good news, the scholars write, is that we're most of the way there.

James Byrne, a University of Lethbridge climatologist, said more than 75 per cent of Canada's electricity grid is already low-carbon. All that it would take to go the rest of the way is better transmission capacity between adjoining provinces and some backstopping by renewable sources such as wind or solar.

The report brims with other proposals. Minimize energy use in building designs. Electrify public vehicles such as transit buses. Link major cities with high-speed rail. Upgrade fuel standards.

"It's going to cost us about one per cent of GDP," said Byrne. "But it's going to save us four or five times that in health and environmental costs." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Airlines

Pilots' strike grounds flights

About 750 short- and medium-haul flights were cancelled Wednesday after Lufthansa pilots went on strike — the latest in a string of walk-outs. The Vereinigung Cockpit union said it would extend its strikes to long-distance flights on Thursday. Around 80,000 passengers were affected by the strike Wednesday.

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Starbucks to bring lattes to your desk

Starbucks says it will start a 30-minute delivery service to customers in select parts of Seattle and New York City later this year. In New York City, people will be able to use a website to place orders. In Seattle, people would place orders via the company's mobile app. There will be no minimum purchase required, but deliveries will require "a small flat fee" and delivery workers will accept tips, too. Starbucks also says it's on track for a rollout of mobile order-and-pay across the U.S. The program, which lets customers place orders through its apps ahead of time so that drinks and food are ready when they arrive at the store, will launch in Canada this year.

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Ride-sharing. Frankfurt court bans Uber service

A German court banned Uber from offering its ride-sharing service nationwide on Wednesday, adding to the company's troubles in Europe.

Frankfurt state court spokesman Arne Hasse said the ruling was issued Wednesday, banning the UberPop service from offering rides with drivers who don't have taxi permits. The ruling can be appealed.

The ruling stems from a suit brought against Uber by a German taxi association, which was heard in Frankfurt because it is one of several German cities where Uber launched operations.

The court issued an injunction banning Uber from operating last summer but lifted it a few weeks later, saying that

while it considered Uber's practices illegal an emergency injunction wasn't justified.

Uber has also hit trouble in the Netherlands, Spain and France, which has effectively banned its service.

Uber said it regrets the Frankfurt court's ruling, calling it "a defeat for all those who want more choice in their personal mobility." It added that it is "working on an alternative ride-sharing offer that we are adapting specifically to the formalities in Germany" but didn't elaborate.

Taxi associations accuse Uber of allowing its drivers to skirt safety and insurance regulations that conventional cabs have to abide by.

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Big Tobacco. Bloomberg, Bill Gates join the fight

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates are launching a fund to help low- and middle-income countries fight often long and expensive legal battles with the tobacco industry.

The newly created Anti-Tobacco Trade Litigation Fund backed by \$4 million US from Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was announced Wednesday at the 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Countries including Uruguay and Australia have been engaged in legal battles with tobacco companies over laws requiring graphic health-warning labels or standard

Smokers

80%

The World Health Organization says nearly 80 per cent of the world's one billion smokers live in low- and middle-income countries. Tobacco use kills more than five million people each year, it says.

packaging for cigarettes without logos. The companies claim the tobacco-control policies violate international trade agreements and World Trade Organization rules.

Bloomberg said the fund will assist smaller, developing countries that often don't have the resources to compete with tobacco companies.

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THE GREATEST TEACHER

Ahead of World Down Syndrome Day on Sunday, CTV News anchor Tamara Taggart tells Metro how her son has taught her more about the syndrome than the experts



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We found out that our son Beckett has Down syndrome when he was five days old — and I'm not going to lie, it was devastating.

We were scared because we didn't know anything about Down syndrome. After seven years, it turns out Beckett has taught us much more about Down syndrome than any "expert." It's been a long journey for all of us.

When we were in the hospital and it was mentioned that Beckett should be tested for Trisomy 21, we started Googling "Down syndrome." I don't recommend this. Dr. Google is a jerk, and when you're scared in a hospital bed with hormones raging, you are incapable of filtering all the garbage out there. The outdated pictures and physical descriptions of people with Down syndrome are too much for a new mother holding her perfect baby.

Perfect? Yes. That's what I said. Beckett is perfect. He was the day he was born and he still is. But it's hard for some people outside of our family to understand this reality.

Others may look at us and feel sorry because our son has special needs, but we're not sorry at all. He's non-verbal, but he's making huge improvements. Toilet training is slow, he doesn't understand fear and he has a few health challenges — but it's



Left: Tamara Taggart says her son Beckett is perfect. Middle: Beckett celebrates his sixth birthday with dad Dave Genn, Taggart and sisters Poppy and Zoë. Right: Taggart and Beckett at Jericho Beach in Vancouver. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY TAMARA TAGGART



nothing we can't handle.

From those frightening early days on Google, we've come so far and we've done it together.

We rarely think about Down syndrome now. Beckett is a typical boy and he is not defined by his challenges. He's funny, bright and loving.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is the public perception of this syndrome. There were many times that I felt rage over ignorant words or careless stereotypes some people would use to describe my son.

As a new parent, I was asked num-

erous times if I had "testing" when pregnant, as if people couldn't imagine I actually made the choice to keep a baby with Down syndrome.

Telling me that people with Down syndrome are always such happy people is ridiculous to me.

My son is happy because he is loved, not because he has an extra chromosome. It's another stereotype that's still out there.

And don't get me started on the R-word. You know the word I'm talking about because I'm sure you still hear it from time to time.

I hope you can understand that people who use this word are thoughtless and unimaginative.

Even describing my child as a "Down's kid" is insulting because he's so much more than that. Beckett is my son who happens to have Down syndrome; he is not defined by his extra chromosome any more than you are defined by the colour of your hair.

The beautiful gift of time is that all these things don't bother me so much anymore, although I'd love to see some of these perceptions change. But I'm solid. I know who Beckett is and

what he has to offer the world.

When speaking with new parents, I always tell them the same thing: "Everything is going to be great, I promise." It's a promise they can count on.

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that I know it will all be OK.

Tamara Taggart is an award-winning news anchor on CTV News at 6 in Vancouver. She is married to music producer/guitarist Dave Genn of 54-40 and they have 3 children: Beckett, Zoë and Poppy

Men and women need to stop with breastfeeding shaming



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I can't believe I'm actually writing this column because this has been said so many times. But, given the recent breastfeeding-shaming incidents at a Winnipeg mall and on a United Airlines flight, I guess it needs to be said again:

Breastfeeding is not gross. It's natural, it's important and it's really difficult. So it's shocking to me that mothers are being shamed for doing it in public — and by other women.

I nursed my daughter for 12 months. Sometimes I covered up, sometimes I didn't, but I was always modest. It was painful and difficult, and I would have quit without the support of my husband. In that year, the

only people who ever gave me a disgusted sideways look, or admitted openly to being offended or disgusted by public nursing, were women.

Somehow their judgment stung worse than it would have had it come from a man. I look to other women — and mothers — for support and understanding. Women seem to be perpetually apologizing for their bodies, and the fact that shame and judgment often comes from other women seems completely illogical.

Penny Van Esterik, an anthropologist at Toronto's York University and a breastfeeding researcher and author, says some women see breastfeeding as an in-your-face political statement or a way to shame mothers who bottle-fed their own children.

She pointed out that as we have become more of a bottle-feeding cul-

ture, several generations of women have become unfamiliar with nursing. This has made public breastfeeding — something that doesn't raise an eyebrow in much of the rest of the world — seem foreign and inappropriate.

"Nurturing practices and customs are passed down from grandmother to mother and mother to daughter, and when those customs and support practices are disrupted, they are gone," said Van Esterik. "They are lost for women, but it's also a loss for men who don't know how to support their breastfeeding partners or where to look when they see other women breastfeeding in public because they haven't seen much breastfeeding."

"If someone responds with disgust to this basic nurturing practice, somehow society is at fault," she said. "Not

to support a breastfeeding mother is to reject one of the most important nurturing practices in the world. We should all be celebrating it."

We place huge expectations and judgments on women and mothers. That judgment needs to stop, and the change needs to start with women.

That means not expecting moms to tuck themselves into a bathroom stall to feed their baby for 45 minutes because you are offended by the sight of boobs across the restaurant.

Breasts are not gross. Our babies' hunger is not gross. The milk our bodies make to feed our children is not gross. We need to hammer this point home again and again and again until not a single nursing mother feels she needs to turn away in shame.

Van Esterik said it best at the end of our interview when she gave a mes-

Recent incidents

- A Winnipeg mother recently accused a mall security officer of telling her to stop breastfeeding because it was "offensive."
- A woman on a United Airlines flight said a flight attendant threw a blanket at her husband when she started breastfeeding her son on a flight.

sage to people — men or women — who have a problem with public breastfeeding: "Tell them to put a blanket over their own heads."

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Shailene's still not a feminist, still doesn't know what it means



Shailene Woodley. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Insurgent star Shailene Woodley is doubling down on her comments from last year that she's not a feminist. Only now she's not a feminist and she's also not *not* a feminist. If that makes any sense.

"The reason why I don't like to say that I am a feminist or I am not a feminist is because to me it's still a label. I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us? We should all be able to embrace one another regardless of our belief system and regardless of the labels that we have put upon ourselves," she says.

Of course, she might change her tune if someone explained to her what feminism actually is, because her description, as told to Time

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"I do not want to be defined by one thing. Why do we have to have that label to divide us?"

Shailene Woodley on why she's not a feminist

in an interview last year, seems a little off: "I love men, and I think the idea of 'raise women to power, take the men away from the power' is never going to work out because you need balance," she says.

"I think that if men went down and women rose to power, that wouldn't work, either. We have to have a fine balance." You know, like equality.

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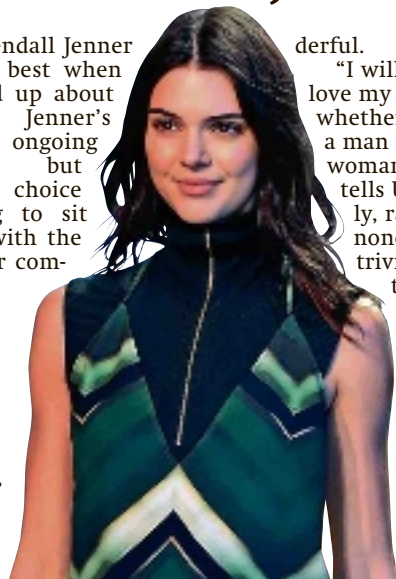
METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Kendall opens up about Bruce Jenner

I'm sure Kendall Jenner meant the best when she opened up about dad Bruce Jenner's rumoured ongoing transition, but her word choice isn't going to sit very well with the transgender community.

"He's a wonderful man. And just because he's changing shoes now, so to speak, doesn't make him less won-



derful.

"I will always love my dad, whether he's a man or a woman," she tells Us Weekly, rather nonchalantly trivializing the whole transitioning experience, but, whatever.

Cue the backlash in 3, 2, 1...

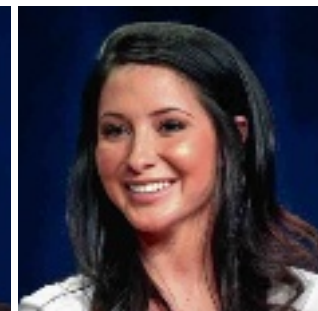
Bristol Palin engaged to Dakota Meyer

The daughter of former Alaska governor and former GOP vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin said in a blog post Saturday that Meyer came to Alaska to film the Amazing America reality show with her mother last year. She says Meyer is wonderful with her son Tripp.



Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2011.

The Kentucky native is credited with saving the lives of 36 Marines, Army soldiers and Afghan soldiers while providing cover for them to find their way out of a firefight with the Taliban. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



More Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx dating rumours

Can't two incredibly attractive, wealthy and famous grown-ups just be good friends without everyone speculating that they're an item? Apparently not, if it's Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx, who've been dodging dating rumours for more than a year. Of course, it doesn't help that Us Weekly found a photo of the two from February that shows them holding hands, playing footsie and being rather couple-ish.



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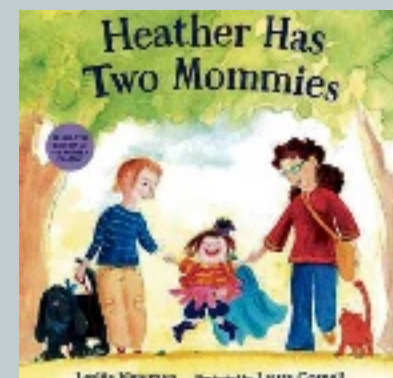
Author Leslea Newman wrote the book *Heather Has Two Mommies* 25 years ago. It became a cultural and legal flashpoint. Newman has updated the book with fresh illustrations from a new artist.

Controversy

Picture books that prompt protests

Opposition to *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate* in New York City, primarily among members of one local school board in Queens, contributed to the downfall of schools chancellor Joseph Fernandez. He had defended them as optional reading for elementary school classrooms in a broader Children of the Rainbow curriculum intended to encourage teachers to better embrace diversity. In Wichita Falls, Texas, Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the First Baptist Church, waved them around during a sermon on Sodom and Gomorrah and blasted them as anti-God and unsuitable for children. He and other opponents took to checking the books out of the local library without return, only to have supporters drop off new copies for loan.

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Looking back on 25 years of two mommies

Society. A picture book about lesbian moms caused uproar when it hit libraries — now it's getting a redesign and reprint

A playful picture book about a little girl named Heather and her two happy mommies was a cultural and legal flashpoint 25 years ago, angering conservatives over the morality of same-sex parenting and landing libraries at the centre of community battles over placement in the children's stacks.

Today, Heather — of *Heather Has Two Mommies* — has a lot more company in books for young kids about different kinds of families, but hers was out of print and visually dated. That's why creator Leslea Newman decided on a new version, with fresh illustrations from a new artist and tweaking the text. The latest edition, out this month, is from Candlewick Press.

Newman wrote the story in 1988 after a chance encounter in Northampton with Amy Jacobson, a lesbian mom who was looking for reading material that better reflected her life with her partner — now wife — and their young daughter.

Newman, a full-time writer and poet at the time, chronicles Heather's love of all things "two," including her moms, one a doctor and the other a carpenter. When Heather joins a home-based play group

— changed to "school" in the new version — she is saddened when teacher Molly reads the children a story at nap time focused on a daddy.

The process of getting *Heather* published in 1989 was a slow one. There were about 50 turndowns. That's why she co-published the book with a friend who had a desktop printing business.

Soon, writer and businessman Sasha Alyson came knocking. He had just put out another picture book, *Daddy's Roommate*, about a divorced father who lives with his same-sex partner, when he spotted Heather in a Cambridge, Mass., bookshop and offered to take it on. Heather quickly took off and the repercussions — for both Newman's book and *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite — were big.

Both books landed at the centre of a federal court battle in Wichita Falls, Texas, after opponents demanded them moved to the adult shelf. A judge deemed the effort unconstitutional. Newman said it was banned, burned and even defecated upon by a library patron in Ohio. It was among the nation's most challenged books in libraries in the 1990s.

"It's the book that brought to the forefront the issues, the conflicts, over what materials concerning GLBT identity, lifestyles should be available to young kids," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, deputy director for the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom in Chicago.

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Music. Mary J. Blige just one of many acts rivalling the big Austin arts fest

Mary J. Blige performed for a feverish crowd Tuesday night at the Samsung Supper Club in Austin, in an event not sponsored by South by Southwest. It's another sign of unofficial concerts rivalling the festival when it comes to pulling big-name acts.

Iggy Azalea, D'Angelo and Nick Jonas are some of the other top acts at events unrelated to the festival.

Blige is no dancer, but the performer moved energetically at the show, even imitating Michael Jackson's dance moves during her funky hit, Just Fine.

She kicked off her set with Enough Cryin' — which features her rapping as her alter ego Brook-Lynn — and she continued with the up-tempo anthem, The One.

She moved like a pro, though there was water dripping from the covered ceiling on the venue's rooftop. She

managed to manoeuvre in heels and an ab-revealing crop top.

"Go Mary. Go Mary," the crowd, who attended a seated dinner prior to the performance, yelled loudly. Blige's husband, Kendu Isaacs, filmed her performance with his phone while Orange Is the New Black actress Danielle Brooks, music manager Kevin Liles and track and field Olympian Sanya Richards-Ross — along with her NFL husband Aaron Ross — sang and danced along.

"Where the My Life fans at?" the 44-year-old Blige asked, referring to her classic 1994 sophomore album. She followed with songs from that album, including Be Happy and You Bring Me Joy. She also performed other hits from the past, including Real Love and You Remind Me from her debut album, 1992's What's the 411?

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Mary J. Blige on Tuesday performed at an Austin concert not sponsored by SXSW. GETTY IMAGES

What Sally says about ageism and sexism

SXSW. In Austin at the premiere of her latest film, actress reflects on the limited roles for 'women of age'

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Metro News in Austin

Sally Field wowed audiences at SXSW with her star turn in director Michael Showalter's delightful Hello My Name Is Doris, playing an earnest wallflower who becomes the toast of Brooklyn hipster culture.

It's a delightful, comic role, and while Field got her start in comedy, lately she's been leaning more toward dramatic work. But, Field is quick to point out, that's not at all voluntary.

"How many times do I get offered comedic scripts? It isn't even that.

"How many times do I get offered anything worth considering, be it comedic or serious or anything? Welcome to the world," Field tells Metro.

"There's an ageism thing all over the place. Certainly it isn't just about comedy and it isn't just about Hollywood," she explains. "It's certainly illustrated in Hollywood, but there's a dearth ... of roles for women. And no roles for women of age



Actress Sally Field arrives at the premiere of Hello, My Name Is Doris during the SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas.

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Quoted

"There's an ageism thing all over the place."

Sally Field

that aren't just simply about being old, you know?

"It's not about your life or stages of life. So to find something like Doris that's just so unique, that's really about people in different stages of their life who become friends, is wonderful."

Perception is everything

Are the offers just not in her Field?

While Doris director Michael Showalter agrees with Field's assessment of opportunities for female actors, he thinks his star might be overlooking one crucial mitigating factor when it comes to analyzing

the offers she's receiving. "I bet, too, with her there's people that wouldn't even consider (offering her a role)," he says. "They'd be like, 'Well she won't do it.' I'll bet there's an element of that. That she would seem unattainable." For the record, Ms. Field would like everyone to know that she is in fact attainable — assuming the script is good enough.

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Joe Fresh creative director Joe Mimran greets the crowd in Toronto after his collection on the runway during Toronto Fashion Week in March 2014. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Joe exits the catwalk, enters the den

Fashion. A look back at the nearly 10 years of Joe Fresh as its namesake creator steps down from the brand

Joe Mimran surprised the fashion and retail world this week by stepping down from the famed label that bears his name. Here's a look at five noteworthy moments in the life of the affordable apparel brand.

Joe Fresh drops "Style" from brand name

When the label launched in 2006 with men's and women clothing, it was introduced by parent company Loblaw as Joe Fresh Style.

The low-priced lined was initially only available at select Superstores. The brand continued to evolve, introducing children's wear in 2007, cosmetics in 2009 and its first stand-alone store in Vancouver in 2010. As the fast-growing brand forged forward, the label dropped "Style" from its official moniker in 2011.



Crystal Renn and Pat Cleveland model Joe Fresh ensembles.

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Marquee models on the runway

Prior to pulling the plug on runway presentations last fall, Joe Fresh shows at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week were among the biggest draws on the event's calendar.

The label generated big buzz by enlisting some of the fashion industry's top talents to take part on the catwalk. In

2008, Toronto-born, Richmond B.C.-raised supermodel Coco Rocha was 19 when she made her Canadian debut on the Joe Fresh runway to cheers and applause. American model Crystal Renn also made a splash walking for Joe Fresh, as did strutting fashion legend Pat Cleveland.

Scouts Canada Style Redesign

Scouts Canada uniforms got a Fresh makeover for the first time in two decades when the label partnered with Canada's largest youth organization to revamp its official ensembles in 2011.

The redesign was a collaborative process between the two camps, in addition to consultations with thousands of Scouts members. Canadian flags were featured in the re-

tooled design, which also saw the emergence of spruced-up colours and the elimination of badges on sashes for Cubs and Scouts, who now wear the symbols of achievement on their sleeves.

Bangladesh factory collapse

The production practices of Joe Fresh and other brands were in the spotlight following the fatal building collapse in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which claimed more than 1,100 lives.

Items carried by the Canadian label were among those produced within the illegally constructed Rana Plaza.

In the aftermath of the 2013 tragedy, Loblaw provided financial compensation to workers and contributed \$1 million to Save the Children Bangladesh and the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, in support of programming for workers in the garment industry.

Loblaw also teamed with several retailers in signing an agreement to improve fire and building safety in Bangladesh. The pact required the companies conduct independent safety inspections, make their reports on factory conditions public and cover expenses for needed repairs.

New outfit

Mimran welcomed to Dragons' Den

CBC says the fashion retail giant will be one of the next batch of business bosses fielding pitches on the reality series. Mimran has been behind formidable brands including Joe Fresh, Club Monaco, Alfred Sung, and — with his wife, Kimberley Newport-Mimran — Pink Tartan.

The new season of the show, which airs Wednesday on CBC, starts this fall.

Joe goes global

The label has grown well beyond its supermarket origins. Joe Fresh is available in more than 340 retail locations, and also operates six freestanding stores in the U.S. The brand opened its first storefront outside North America with a flagship in Seoul which launched last year.

The rollout in Korea is part of a four-year plan to launch 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gritty graffiti indoors

Art is more than canvas, paint or photography. Look around outside and you'll see all sorts of self-expression that just might make its way inside your home and inspire a new way of thinking about art. The drive-by images of street art can add an energetic vibe to even the stuffiest of rooms



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Pure Evil steps up to the plate

Granny's dining room walls never looked so chic! Royal Doulton's Street Art Pure Evil Decor Collection: Set of four china plates are \$110 at TheBay.com



Book 'em

A quarter century of street art by one of the world's most-recognized artists. ACT-4, 25 Years: 1989-2014 by WK Interact, \$40, Chapters.Indigo.ca

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Right from the oven



Got a sheet pan and an oven? If so, you have what it takes to make complete meals, snacks, brunch and even dessert. Molly Gilbert's Sheet Pan Suppers offers more than 120 recipes that reinvent the one-pot meal. The appeal is twofold: First, it is convenient and, second, roasting, baking or broiling intensify flavours. But the real genius is Gilbert's well-rounded approach. Sheet Pan Suppers takes you from weeknight meals like Soy-Mustard Salmon and Broccoli to special occasion meals such as Rack of Lamb with Herby Bread Crumbs and Buttered Carrots and dessert such as Cannoli Roulade. **METRO**

Here's to redefining pizza night

Dinner. Portabella Cap Pizzas and Garlic Knots will make you rethink calling the delivery place you have on speed-dial

"This (take on pizza) is a fresh and healthy (traditional crustless) version, which happens to be vegetarian to boot," writes Molly Gilbert in Sheet Pan Suppers. "Bright Mediterranean flavours in the form of artichokes, tomatoes, garlic, and goat cheese come together atop tender, meaty portabella mushroom caps, the result of which should please meatless friends and carnivores alike."

"Plus we're throwing in some garlic knots!"

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F with a rack in the centre position. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

2. Place the portabellas top down and evenly spaced on the prepared sheet pan, making sure to leave room on the



This recipe serves two to four people. MOLLY GILBERT

ing sure to leave room on the

perimeter and in between for the garlic knots. Sprinkle the mushrooms with a pinch of salt. Pile the artichokes, tomatoes, goat cheese, and Parmesan on top of the portabellas, dividing the toppings evenly. Season them with the garlic powder, oregano, and a pinch each of black pepper and red

pepper flakes.

3. Combine the garlic, olive oil, and parsley in a small bowl. Open the crescent rolls and cut them apart into triangles where they're scored. Working with one dough triangle at a time, tie the piece of dough in a loose knot, tucking

the ends under the knot. Arrange the knots on the sheet pan around the portabellas, leaving a bit of space between knots. Brush each knot generously with the garlic mixture.

4. Bake the portabellas and knots until the portabellas are tender, the cheese has browned and melted, and the garlic knots are golden, 20 minutes. If your portabellas are particularly fat, remove the garlic knots from the pan and let the mushrooms cook until tender, an additional 5 to 10 minutes.

5. Serve the pizzas and garlic knots hot from the oven.

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Ingredients

- 4 large portabella mushrooms, wiped of dirt, stemmed
- Kosher salt
- 3/4 cup chopped, drained jarred or canned artichoke hearts
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 4 oz goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Crushed red pepper flakes
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tube (8 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

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Murder victim's family upset over Hernandez kiss

The family of the man former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez is accused of killing has confronted a security officer after Hernandez's mother was allowed to kiss her son's hand in the courtroom.

The kiss happened Tuesday when the judge and jury were out of the courtroom. Hernandez is accused of the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd.

After a morning break, Hernandez's mother leaned toward her son sitting at the defence table and asked a court officer if she could touch him.

He said yes, and she grabbed his hand, then kissed it. Hernandez smiled, then rubbed his eyes as his aunt and uncle cried. He then thanked the officer.

Outside the courtroom Wednesday, Lloyd's family told the officer they no longer have a son to kiss.

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NHL

Kadri suspended four games

The NHL has given Toronto Maple Leafs centre Nazem Kadri a four-game suspension for his hit to the head of Edmonton's Matt Fraser.

"I'm not happy about it, but what are you going to do at this point? Obviously it wasn't my intent to injure the player and I hope he's doing all right," Kadri said Wednesday.

The incident occurred in the Oilers' 4-1 home victory over Toronto on Monday.

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Sens lucky to get rich from their misfortunes



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In sports, injuries are inevitable and they can have a devastating effect on a team's roster. Injuries can also give lesser players opportunity to shine. Luckily, such is the case for the Ottawa Senators.

A violent collision between goalie Robin Lehner and teammate Clarke MacArthur Feb. 16 resulted in concussions to both players. A game under .500 at the time, the club could have easily called it a day. However, an unlikely four-some rose to the occasion and as the saying goes, "the rest is history."

Filling in for both Lehner and Craig Anderson, Andrew Hammond has defied hockey logic. Rising from relative obscurity, the Hamburglar has reached legend status, becoming the league's first netminder since the Bruins' Frank Brimsek in 1938-39 to allow two goals or less in each of his first 12 career starts — at the same time breaking the team record earning points in all of those games, compiling a 11-0-1 mark.

However, the 27-year-old isn't the only Senator grasping the moment.

With MacArthur missing from the lineup, coach Dave Cameron was forced to juggle his combinations. Milan Michalek replaced MacArthur, while a fourth-line combo of Curtis Lazar, Jean-Gabriel Pageau and Erik Condra was formed.

The trio found instant chemistry, exceeding expectations so much that Cameron



While goalie Andrew Hammond has gotten a lion's share of the headlines, Jean-Gabriel Pageau, left, Erik Condra and Curtis Lazar have also been instrumental in the Senators' recent success. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

is handing them third-line minutes.

Why not? Lazar-Pageau-Condra not only provide an energy boost, they've managed to chip in six goals in 14 games. According to Cameron, his proclaimed Grunt Line is the Senators' best during its recent run. They give the opposition fits, combining speed and skill with unexpected brawn.

Ranked fourth among NHL rookies in hits (140), Lazar is the tone-setter on the fore-check, hitting everything that moves. He displays uncanny defensive zone awareness for a 20-year-old — drawing high praise from Cameron who employs Lazar to defend last minute leads.

Shots on goal

Even-strength shot attempts (shots for, shots against, shot attempt percentage*) over the last 14 games:

	SF	SA	SA%
Jean-Gabriel Pageau	145	125	53.7
Erik Condra	151	146	50.8
Curtis Lazar	133	136	49.4

*Shots for / (shots for + shots against)

Listed at a generous five-foot-nine and 175 pounds,

Pageau shows no fear with his net drive. Bowling over larger defencemen is commonplace. A fan favourite, the Gatineau native was recently told he's in the NHL to stay.

When it comes to killing penalties, Condra is tops among Senators forwards averaging 2:20 time on ice per game. However, Condra has added another dimension. With 10 points in his past 16 games, a career best nine goals, the potential unrestricted free agent is showing he's more than just a defensive specialist.

Who could have predicted an untimely collision would lead to a 12-1-1 record — vaulting the Senators back into the playoff race?

Hamburglar reminds GM of Vanbiesbrouck, Giguere



Senators goalie Andrew Hammond has a record of 11-0-1 with a 1.35 goals-against average and .956 save percentage. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Andrew Hammond is doing something no goaltender has done in the NHL since the 1930s. Still, Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray has seen a couple of goalies on streaks similar to the brilliant run the "Hamburglar" is on: John Vanbiesbrouck and Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

Vanbiesbrouck carried the Florida Panthers to the Stanley Cup final in 1996, and Giguere got the Anaheim Mighty Ducks one victory from the Cup in 2003.

"They got on a roll and no-body could beat them," said

Quoted

"If you have a great goaltender, you can have a pretty good hockey team if the guys just play regularly."

Senators GM Bryan Murray

Murray, who was the GM of those teams.

Hammond is on one heck of a roll right now. He has an 11-0-1 record with a 1.35 goals-against average and .956

save percentage as the Senators have improbably joined the playoff race. He's the first goalie to allow two or fewer goals in his first 12 starts since Frank Brimsek in 1938-39.

Vanbiesbrouck had a 2.25 GAA and .932 save percentage in his run, and Giguere had a 1.97 GAA and .922 save percentage in his, which ended with the Conn Smythe trophy as playoff MVP.

The Sens host the Boston Bruins, who they're chasing in the playoff hunt, Thursday night at Canadian Tire Centre.

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Putting the Cancon in NCAA

There are 28 Canadians playing at the NCAA men's basketball championship. Here are five to watch:

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Trey Lyles, Kentucky Wildcats

The 19-year-old was born in Saskatoon, to a Canadian mom and American dad, and has lived most of his life in Indianapolis. The 6-10 forward has started 16 of 31 games for the No. 1-seeded Wildcats, who are a perfect 34-0 this season. Lyles is averaging 8.4 points on 50 per cent shooting.

Dylan Ennis, Villanova Wildcats

The 23-year-old from Brampton, Ont., has started every game for No. 1 seed Villanova this season. Dylan is the older brother of Milwaukee Bucks point guard Tyler Ennis. The six-foot-two guard is averaging 9.8 points a game.

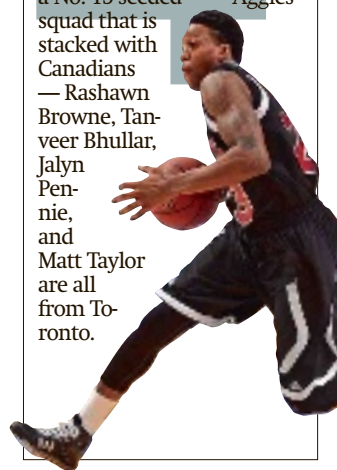


Kevin Pangos, Gonzaga Bulldogs

The 22-year-old from Holland Landing, Ont., is the No. 2-seeded Bulldogs' starting point guard. The 6-2 sharpshooter holds the school record for three-point shots made, and was named the West Coast Conference player of the year.

Daniel Mullings, New Mexico State

The 23-year-old from Toronto was last season's Western Athletic Conference player of the year. The 6-2 guard is averaging 12.6 points a game. He plays for a No. 15-seeded Aggies squad that is stacked with Canadians — Rashawn Browne, Tanveer Bhullar, Jalyn Penie, and Matt Taylor are all from Toronto.



Kenny Chery, Baylor Bears

The 23-year-old Montreal native has played 28 games for No. 3 seed Baylor and averages a team-leading 32.4 minutes a game. The 5-11 guard leads the Bears with four assists per game and is third in team scoring with an average of 11.4 points.

NBA

Pan Ams not front of Wiggins' mind

Canadian star Andrew Wiggins won't say whether he'll play in this summer's Pan American Games.

"It's a long time away. I'm going to deal with all that once the season is over," Wiggins said.

The 20-year-old rookie was in Toronto for his first NBA appearance at Air Canada Centre as his Minnesota Timberwolves took on the Raptors on Wednesday.

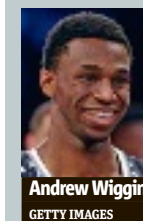
He and Canadian teammate Anthony Bennett were both questioned about their plans for a summer that includes the Pan Am

Games and the FIBA Americas Olympic qualifying tournament.

While he was non-committal about

when, Wiggins did say he's "looking forward" to playing for Canada again.

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Andrew Wiggins
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Man City's merely a springboard for Barca

Champions League.

Catalan club ousts England side in round of 16 in second straight European campaign

Lionel Messi set up Ivan Rakitic to score the winner as Barcelona beat Manchester City 1-0 on Wednesday to reach the Champions League quarter-finals for a record eighth consecutive season.

Faced with the task of overturning a 2-1 first-leg loss, Manuel Pellegrini's City needed an inspired showing from goalkeeper Joe Hart just to avoid a thrashing as Messi and Neymar ran amok at Camp Nou.

City's only chance of a lifeline came with a penalty in the 78th minute, but Barcelona keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen saved Sergio Aguero's spot-kick.

Messi passed for Rakitic to score in the 31st minute of a lopsided first half that saw Neymar and Luis Suarez hit the woodwork for the home side.

"We should have won by a greater margin," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We



Ivan Rakitic, centre, celebrates with Barcelona teammates Luis Suarez, Neymar and Lionel Messi after the Croatian international's match-winning goal on Wednesday against Manchester City. QUIQUE GARCIA/GETTY IMAGES

In Dortmund, Germany

Carlos Tevez scored two and set up another as Juventus beat Borussia Dortmund 3-0 away to reach the Champions League quarter-finals with a 5-1 aggregate victory.

had countless chances, something which is not normal in a game with this level of tension. We didn't finish them off because we had a spectacular Hart in front of us."

While City showed early jit-

ters, Barca displayed its usual flair and Messi drew the first of 10 saves made by Hart.

City found itself in the predicament that the only way it could slow down Messi — who dribbled through at least three City player's legs before half-time — and Neymar was to bring them down. That meant Fernandinho, Aleksandar Kolarov, and David Silva were all booked for fouling the duo by the half-hour mark.

"When Messi had the ball, there was complete chaos on the pitch," Pellegrini said.

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Jays flounder in Delgado's presence

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons, left, and guest instructor and former all-star slugger Carlos Delgado watch Wednesday's spring training game against the Tampa Bay Rays from the dugout in Dunedin, Fla. They probably didn't like much of what they saw as starter Mark Buehrle gave up three runs and seven hits over 4-1/3 innings in they Jays' 9-3 loss. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling

Playoffs elude Jones on Wednesday

Canada's Jennifer Jones will have to wait in order to cement a playoff berth at the world women's curling championship.

Jones' Winnipeg squad

dropped a 7-6 decision to Switzerland's Alina Patz in the late draw Wednesday in Sapporo, Japan to snap its five-game win streak. It came after the Canadians captured a 9-3 victory over Norway.

Jones will head into the final day of round-robin play Thursday needing one more

win to clinch a playoff berth.

Switzerland (8-1) moved atop the overall standings and assured itself of no worse than a tiebreaker scenario. Canada (7-2) will play twice Thursday, facing Germany's Daniela Driendl (4-5) and Japan's Ayumi Ogasawara (5-4).

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Someone will play on your emotions over the next 24 hours, maybe for fun or maybe because they think they can get something out of it. Ruin their plans by refusing to get uptight.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Friends and family are on your mind but they are unlikely to mix, so focus on one and catch up on the other later on.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Watch what you say because if you let slip something that people in positions of authority find offensive it could damage your reputation.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There is no need to go to extremes, even though certain individuals may be urging you to do so. Especially where business is concerned, avoid excessive behaviour.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You like to shock and the planets suggest you will do something outrageous over the next 24 hours. If it's a joke you will need to make sure that everyone can see it's a joke.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

An upheaval is likely over the next few days and there is precious little you can do about it. Actually, if you keep your emotions in check you could gain from someone else's loss.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Work and health matters will be uppermost in your mind today and tomorrow, which is good because you have been overdoing it of late.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Use the approaching solar eclipse to get a creative project off to a start. If you pour energy and into it now you will build up the kind of momentum that carries you through to the end.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Challenges are opportunities in disguise, which means you will have at least one and maybe several opportunities to shine over the next few days.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can sense something good is going to happen but there is no need to hurry it along. Venus, planet of harmony, in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus means the right opportunity will arrive at just the right time.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be disappointed that something of value is moving out of your life, but don't be. The planets suggest something even better will soon be along.

♓ Pisces

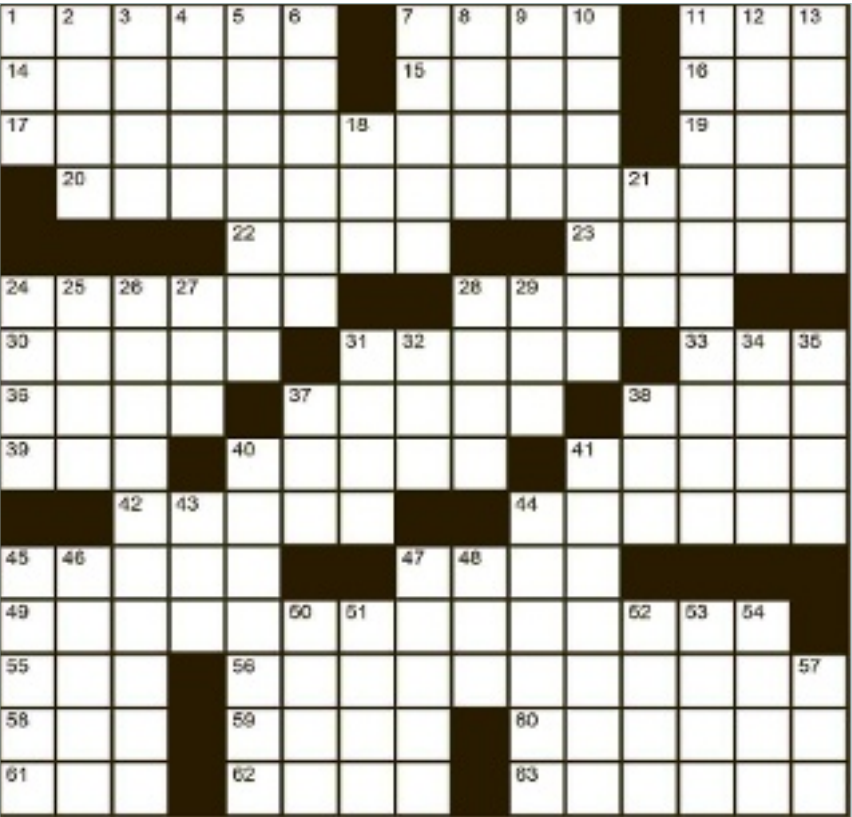
Feb. 20 - March 20

Tomorrow's eclipse in your sign means it is the time to go for glory. No matter how many times you failed you will succeed now. Be positive.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Creme de ___ (Black currant liqueur)
7. Centres, curtly
11. USN rank
14. Woolly camel-like animal
15. Ms. Brickell of song
16. Roadside mil. hazard
17. Meaning of 'Klee Wyck', Emily Carr's nickname: 2 wds.
19. Fight ender, commonly
20. Carly Rae Jepsen's latest song: 4 wds.
22. Ship's deck officer, commonly
23. "___ Gantry" (1960)
24. Beaver: French
28. Winter coat
30. Governed
31. Shocks
33. American '66', e.g.
36. Ancient war god
37. John's "Grease" (1978) role
38. Tattooing turf
39. "The DUFF" (2015) actress Ms. Whitman
40. Ms. Spacek
41. Concede/grant
42. Into-hockey-nets projectiles
44. Country legend Ms. West
45. Embarrassing public disturbance
47. Store
49. AHL team: 2 wds.
55. Folklore creature
56. Quebec town on



the Ottawa River

58. New Zealand

parrot

59. 'Fed' suffix

60. More breezy

61. Be imperfect

62. Feed on food

63. Sound system sort

Down

1. Pres. Coolidge
2. Jai's court partner
3. Cowboy boot attachment
4. Having wisdom
5. "Sleepy Hollow" on Global TV fellow Mr. Crane

6. Maritime crew person
7. FOX News anchor Ms. Kelly
8. Graven image
9. Original host of "Cityline" Ms. Petty
10. Questers
11. NB: Saint John ___

- ___ (Shopping attraction)
12. Orange ___ (Tea)
13. Glade target
18. Belonging to Gander's li'l province, variantly
21. Banff sighting
24. Study hard

25. Lady Gaga song
26. Type of VIA Rail passenger accommodation: 2 wds.
27. Mr. Lawrence, et al.
28. Small
29. "___ takers?"
31. Ms. Jordan
32. Heavy wts.
34. Bryan Adams' "18 ___ Die"
35. The Neverending Story author Michael
37. Cartoonist Mr. Browne
38. Meet
40. ___ candles
41. Yogurt brand
43. One, in Madrid
44. A bride in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954)
45. Tend the fire
46. Kitchen gadget
47. Snapshot pose
48. Possesses
50. Ms. Hatcher
51. Where Muscat is the capital
52. 2002 Literature Nobel Mr. Kertesz
53. The Queen's cypher: letter + Roman Numeral + letter
54. Snick-or-___
57. Miracle-___ (Plant food brand)

Yesterday's Crossword



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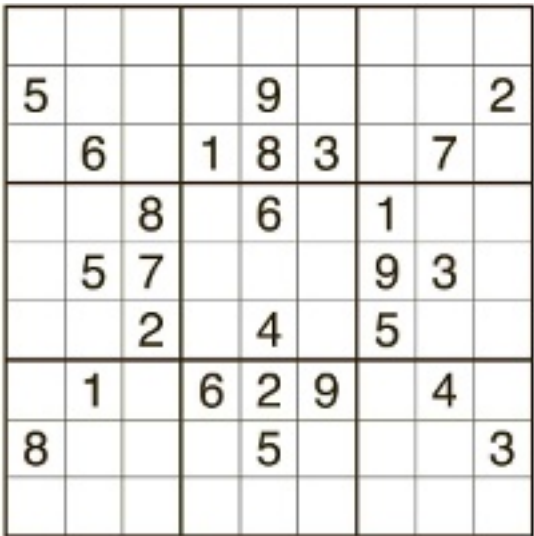
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Yesterday's Sudoku



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